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1. The USIA supply depot at Tattendorf, south of Korneuburg, Lower Austria, has the following items on hand:
 - a. About 18 carloads of armor plate, 19 mm thick, in different sizes ranging from 1 x 2 m up to 4 x 5 m.
 - b. High pressure pipes with a diameter of 10 to 50 cm and wall thickness of 10 mm; each pipe is 5 to 10 m long (total length about 600 m).
 - c. Blocks of iron, ready for rolling, 20 x 20 x 150 cm, about 60 tons.
 - d. Iron strip, 15 x 2 mm, rolls of 50 m each, about 120 rolls in all.
 - e. Thin iron tubing, 10 mm in diameter, wall thickness about 1 mm, 4 to 6 m long, about one carload in all.
 - f. About 200 railroad-carriage axles.
2. The depot, according to the depot chief, has an interest in about fifteen barges which are lying almost wholly submerged on both sides of the Danube; their cargo was examined by divers and the information forwarded to USIA. One barge was carrying cans of fat; two other barges were loaded with four-strand, rubber-insulated copper cable of regular Wehnacht type; one barge was carrying 2000 motorcycles, apparently packed in waterproof cases; in the summer of 1947, a diver brought up a saddle in perfect condition and vouched for the excellent packing of the remaining cargo. One barge was carrying two carloads of airplane gasoline. A barge of canned preserves was unloaded and a part of the cargo distributed by USIA to the population of the neighborhood. USIA is offering to sell the cargo of these barges on condition that the buyer offer a part of the cargo to USIA. Expenses for unloading the barges (e.g., for divers and cranes) will be paid by both parties.
3. USIA does not keep an exact inventory of the depot supplies. The J. K. Voith firm in St. Pölten was thus able to buy about 30 carloads of supplies amounting to 10 tons each during the course of last year, but managed to carry off twice as much merchandise as that contracted for (five tons per car more). [redacted] the depot chief twice the amount of any order, if he produced the necessary certificate of sale (sic).

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4. Depot supplies are in great disorder, since materials are dumped at the available railroad sidings and are left exposed to the weather.

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